

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Wong and Kochinke

Serial No.:

Group No.: 1615

Filed:

Examiner: E. Webman

Entitled:

IMPROVED FORMULATION FOR CONTROLLED  
RELEASE OF DRUGS BY COMBINING HYDROPHILIC  
AND HYDROPHOBIC AGENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the accompanying continuing application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) as follows:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees, to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Order No. A-60179-1/DJB/TAL).

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Please cancel Claims 1-9.*

*Please add the following new claims:*

10. An implant for controlled, sustained drug release comprising:  
a pharmacologically acceptable biodegradable polymer which is degraded at the site of implantation, wherein said biodegradable polymer comprises at least about 20 weight percent of the implant;  
a therapeutically active agent at a concentration from 10 to 50 weight percent of the implant;  
a release modulator at a concentration from 10 to 50 weight percent of the implant;